



Ocean Exploration and Research



NOAA/OCTO CREATURE FACTS

1. IN THE DEEP OCEAN, HYDROTHERMAL VENTS ARE OFTEN OASES OF LIFE, WITH BACTERIA AT THE VENTS SERVING AS A MAIN SOURCE OF FOOD FOR OTHER ANIMALS, LIKE SHRIMP.

2. VENT SHRIMP ARE BLIND, SO THE HEAT SENSORS ON THEIR BACKS SERVE AS THEIR "EYES"

3. SCIENTISTS FIRST DISCOVERED HYDROTHERMAL VENTS IN 1977 - BEFORE THEN, WE DIDN'T KNOW THAT VENTS OR THE WEIRD ANIMALS THEY SUPPORT EVEN EXISTED!

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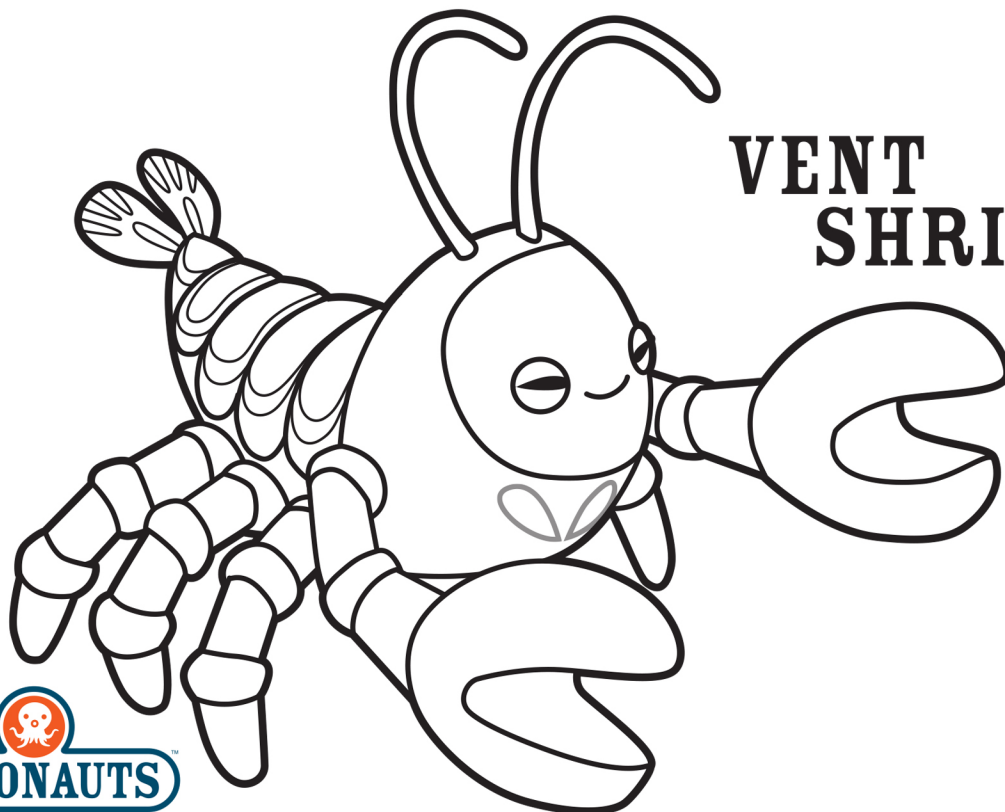


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NASA CLAIMS THAT HYDROTHERMAL VENT SHRIMP SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT KIND OF LIFE COULD FORM IN OTHER EXTREME ENVIRONMENTS ON ALIEN PLANETS AND MOONS.



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